

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
TATE )  
Application Number: To Be Assigned )  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING AGONIST AND )  
ANTAGONIST FOR TARGET PROTEIN WITH USE OF )  
NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE TECHNIQUE, )  
AND PROGRAM FOR USE IN THE METHOD )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants have amended the claims in order to eliminate the multiple dependent claims in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: